

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kunio GOTO

Art Unit: not yet assigned

Application No.: not yet assigned

Examiner: not yet assigned

Filed: April 22, 2004

Attorney Dkt. No.: 12014-0017DV

For: THREADED JOINT FOR STEEL PIPES AND PROCESS FOR THE SURFACE TREATMENT THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 22, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below.

Amendments to the specification are submitted on page 2.

Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 3.

Remarks are submitted on page 5.